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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Participation of Intergovernmental Organizations in the work of the Committee

Note by the Secretariat

By resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 on the establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating committee for the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that observers would participate in the Committee in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. The category of observers at the General Assembly includes a number of intergovernmental organizations accorded permanent observer status by the General Assembly.

Since the accreditation of a number of intergovernmental organizations at previous sessions of the Committee, the Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat has received a further request from one intergovernmental organization who does not have permanent observer status with the General Assembly, namely the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD), to participate in the work of the Committee, reserving its interest to apply to accede to the Convention. The Executive Secretary has reviewed the credentials of that organization and hereby recommends that it should be granted observer status by the Committee.